A Piece of the Pilkington Puzzle, Unitarian Chapel Families

Samuel Pilkington born 1775.

Grandfather Thomas Pilkington 1775-1809, Fogg's Farm, Anglezarke his son Thomas PILKINGTON; died 28 Feb 1824, at Wheelton b. circa 1750. In his will in 1823 he states he is of great age. Closest match for spouse is Jane Brindle marriage at St. Peters. Bolton 01 Jan. 1772. The spouse of Thomas is wrote as Johanna in the Lee Chapel records. The family is Unitarian and resident at Sharples and Longworth until 1780 or later. In 1792 and 1794 there are baptisms at Horwich, only from 1803 Baptisms are at Rivington Unitarian. The family lived at Longworth and Sharples until at least 1787, then Horwich. Thomas Pilkington as recorded at Foggs Farm is a probable grandfather of Samuel who took it over in 1809.

Samuel PILKINGTON; b. 1775, On Census he states born at Sharples, (Served as Church warden for Rivington in 1813. Census 1841, Foggs Farm, Anglezarke, occupation Farmer and Weaver, address 1845-1850, Abbott's Farm, Anglezarke. In 1851, age 76, Widow, living at Jepsons, Anglezarke, Agricultural Labourer, Grandson living in called James Ainsworth, then age 19; d. 1855, Chorley Samuel has married Betty **AINSWORTH** she was born 24 April Rivington, Baptism Unitarian 5 Jun 1788 daughter of James Ainsworth & Eleanor (Hicking variation Hacking) married 26 Jun 1798 died before 1851

Thomas PILKINGTON. Farmer, 37 Acres. Born 1779, On Census he states born at Anglezarke. Married 23 Dec. 1805, Wigan. Died 18 Feb. 1837, Anglezarke, Sp. Mary **VOSE** Born 1782, Horwich, Address from 1805 to 1815 & 1837 to 1851 Stones House, Anglezarke, present in 1851 son Joseph age 29, Mary Ann age 23 and a lodger age 61. George Smithells Died 1861 at Greenhalgh Farm, Anderton.

William PILKINGTON. Born c. 1781, Christened 1781, Rivington, Married 14 Dec. 1808, Bolton, Census 1841, Sharples.. Sp. Margaret **HALLIWELL**. Died 3 Jul. 1827, Heath Charnock.

Jane PILKINGTON. Born 1788 Christened 1788, Rivington, Married 11 Jul. 1808, Bolton, Died 1821. Sp. Roger **SIMM**, son of Roger SIMM and Rebecca TAYLOR. Born 5 Aug. 1786, Rivington Chr. 5 Sept. 1786, Rivington.

Ann PILKINGTON. Born 1789, Lancs. Christened 1789, Rivington.

Thomas by his will in 1824 recognised Ann her care in his last days.

Jenney PILKINGTON. Born 1792, Lancs. Christened 1792, Lee Independent, Horwich. Died 26 Jul. 1793, Rivington Anglican Church record.

Daniel PILKINGTON. Born 11 May 1794, Lancs. Christened 24 Aug. 1794, Lee Independent Chapel, Horwich. Married 8 Jan. 1824, Anglican Church Rivington, Census 1841, Anderton, Lancs. Millstone Publican and Farmer, Anderton, Lancs. Millstone. Died 1847, Rivington, Lancs. Chirch Warden for Rivington 1817 Sp. Elizabeth **WINNARD**. Born 1797 Died 13 Apr. 1833, Anderton. No known children.

Adam in 1824 will

Evan in 1824 will

Margaret Pilkington d. Coppull 1827

Thomas in April 1824 names the above sons and daughters and Jane Simm. in his will. Thomas had provided funds to his son Daniel who had set up business. Ann was left £20 and all his effects. The sons Adam, Samuel, Thomas, Evan and William. inherited the remainder of his estate. Margaret, age 44 buried at Rivington Unitarian 1827.

Rivington Chapel ministers are often supplied from Chorley Unitarian Chapel.

Thomas PILKINGTON; b. 1799, Anglezarke, ; census 1841, Heath Charnock, occupation 1841, Collier, Heath Charnock, census 1851 to 1861, Heath Charnock, occupation *Stone Quarry Man*, Sp. Ann **HOPE**, dau. of James HOPE and Mary PENDLEBURY; b. 1804, Rivington, chr. 20 May 1804; census 1841, Heath Charnock, m. 13 May 1822, at Bolton, (James Hope, related served as Churhwarden of Rivington in 1822)

Isaac PILKINGTON; b. 5 Nov 1803, Lancs.; chr. 4 Jan 1804, Rivington, Lancs married 1828 cousin Jane **PILKINGTON** daughter of Thomas and Mary , Issaac died Chorley Mar. 1855. Vol. 8e.

Each Year The Holcombe Hunt met at the Rivington Old Hall.

Ellen PILKINGTON **Sp. AINSWORTH**

The stone water trough dated 1860 situated at the Rivington green is a relic of the horse transport days.Rivington Unitarian Library started 1821

Miles PILKINGTON; b. 6 May 1808, Lancs.; chr. 24 Jun 1808, Rivington, Sp. Ann **FELTON**; b. 1812?; m. 17 Feb 1833, Chorley.

Fraternal Twins Born to Miles Samuel & Ann. b. 14 Jun 1833 Chr. Chorley Unitarian. *Common factors to Sharples branch NB.*

.Betty PILKINGTON; b. 3 Apr 1815, Lancs.; chr. 28 May 1815

England at war with Napoleon of France 1815. Local Industrial Depression 1820's

Samuel PILKINGTON; b. 1819, Anglezarke, chr. 1819, Rivington, census 1851, Heath Charnock, occupation *Stone Quarryman*, Heath Charnock, address 1861, Old Brooks Farm, Anglezarke, address 1881, Abbott's Farm, Anglezarke, Sp. Charlotte **WEBSTER**, dau. of Isaac WEBSTER and Mary b. 1819, Heath Charnock, chr. 5 Mar 1820, Chorley, census 1851, Heath Charnock, occupation 1851, Hand Loom Cotton Weaver, Heath Charnock, Lancs.

Betty PILKINGTON; b. 21 Jul 1822, Lancs.; chr. 18 Aug 1822, Rivington. Betty married her cousin Thomas**,** son of Thomas **Pilkington** and Mary Vause. Betty died age 35 and is interred with her husband.

John PILKINGTON; b. 14 Sep 1824, Heath Charnock chr. 10 Oct 1824, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock, occupation Collier, 1881, Blackrod; Coal Miner, Sp. Annie .. b. 1828**,** Heath Charnock, census 1881, Blackrod.

Mary PILKINGTON; b. 7 Sep 1826, Lancs.; chr. 6 Oct 1826, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock.

Richard PILKINGTON; b. 13 Oct 1828, Anglezarke, chr. 23 Nov 1828, Rivington. Census 1841, occupation drawer at Heath Charnock, by 1851 Coalminer working in Adlington 1857. He left Adlington some time after 1865 and appears on the 1881 census at Westhoughton. In 1901 his job had changed to Coal Hewer at Westhoughton. Married 21 Apr 1851 at Adlington to Elizabeth **Smith** born 24 Feb. 1826, daughter to Thomas and Elizabeth Smith of Preston. Elizabeth was a shop assistant in 1861. Elizabeth died Feb. 1903 and is buried at Westhoughton.

Isaac PILKINGTON; b. 5 May 1831, Heath Charnock, chr. 2 Jun 1831, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock, occupation Drawer, Heath Charnock, census 1841, Heath Charnock, Sp. Mary Ann **HOLLAND**, dau. of James HOLLAND; m. 13 Mar 1854, Chorley Registration District

Thomas PILKINGTON; b. 27 Jan 1833, Heath Charnock, chr. 10 Feb 1833, Chorley Unitarian, .; census 1841, Heath Charnock, occupation Drawer, 1851, Heath Charnock, occupation Coalminer.

Esther PILKINGTON; b. 22 Dec 1834, Heath Charnock, chr. 1 Jan 1835, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock, ; census 1851, Heath Charnock.

Margaret PILKINGTON; b. 21 Apr 1837, chr. 11 Jun 1837, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock, Lancs.; census 1851, Anglezarke,.;

Nathan PILKINGTON; b. 1839, Adlington, chr. 1839, Rivington, census 1841, Heath Charnock, 1871, Adlington, Coal Miner, Adlington, 1881, Adlington, Beer House Keeper, Adlington, Sp. Mary Ann **ORMSTON**; b. 1839, Adlington, m. 29 Sep 1866, Adlington.

Betty Pilkington married Thomas, son of the above Thomas brother to Samuel, her grandfather, John, Abel and Thomas became eldest in line

Blackrod Railway arrived 1840. Seaside Discount Train Tickets start 1860. Annual Easter Pike Fair popular since 1886. There was for many years Whitsuntide processions, field days, and such like events in the surrounding towns and villages. First Pike race Easter Saturday 1892 starting from the railworks at Horwich.

Blackrod has many ancient mines, dating from 1350 and later. In the Victorian Period mining was the main industry.

In 1848 there was a depression in trade and the Horwich print Works had closed. In 1852 the local children seem to have been distracted by the building of the Rivington Reservoirs, attendance was down at Lee Chapel School, Horwich. In 1853 Horwich the adjacent town suffered a massive devastating flood. 1902 Liverpool Corporation takes Rivington, Anglezarke and Heapey by compulsory purchase.

Common Factors: Fraternal Twins (V = G + Es + En) in USA Studies 2005, 4 in 1000 born of 8 in 1000 conceptions. Twins occurs in birth of Daniel & James of Sharples 1616 sons of Richard of Sharples b. 1611**,** son of Richard named in will of Oliver of Sharples died 1594. Civil war Presbyterian family. Religious doctrine also in common in families.

Based on the Unitarian Chapel Register, History of Rivington by Hampson 1893. A Short History of Rivington by Wm. Fergusson Irvine 1904 with additional information from the Census Data from 1841 through to 1901 and Civil registrations.

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